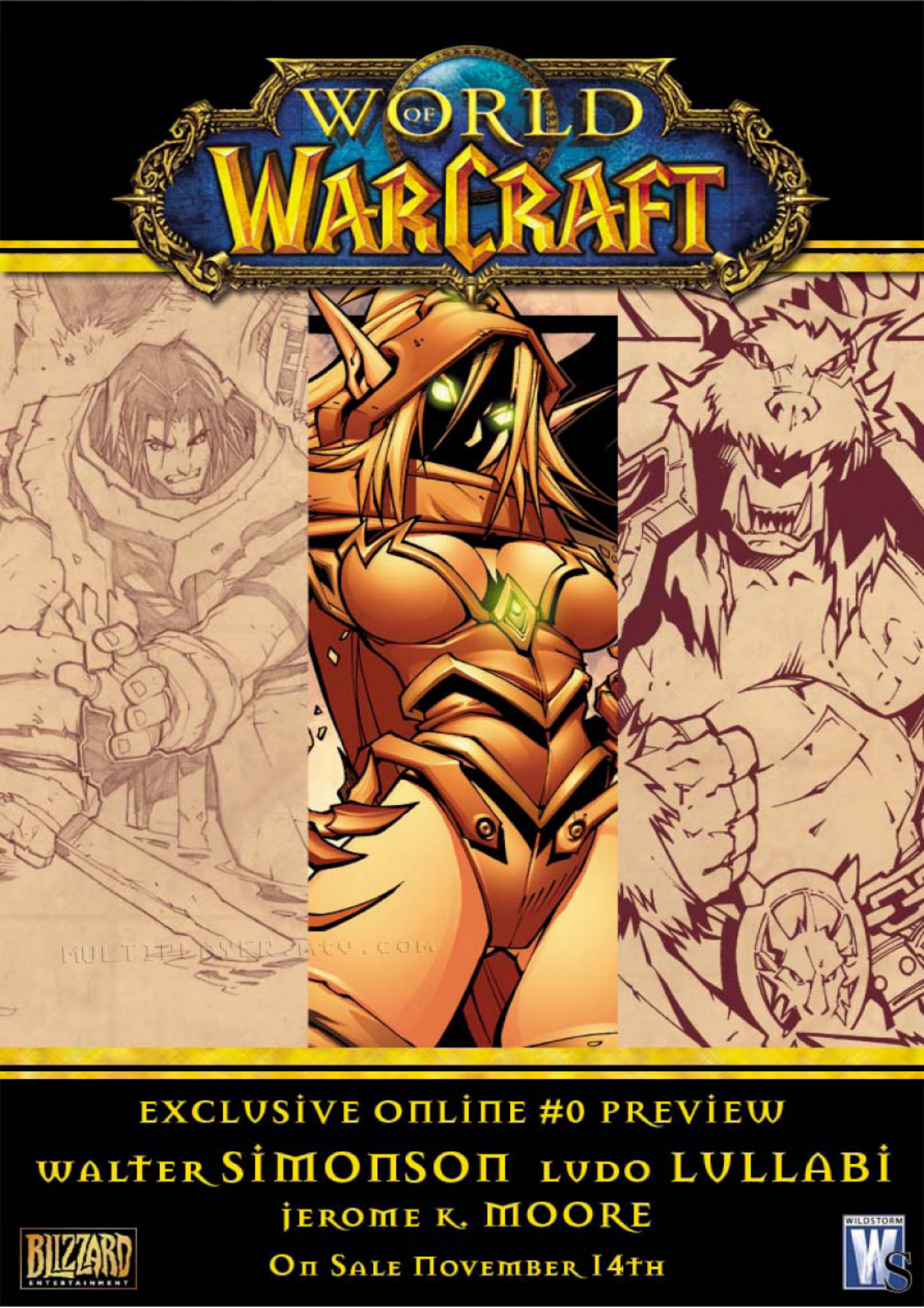
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SPOKEN OF ONLY IN THE SHADOWS, IT PLAYS IN HIDDEN VENUES...
...IN THE DEEP FORESTS...
...IN ABANDONED RUINS...
...AND IN DARK CORNERS ALL ACROSS THE CONTINENT OF KALIMDOR.
ITS MEMBERS ARE LIARS, CHEATS, GAMBLERS, ENTREPRENEURS, ARISTOCRATS AND PEASANTS, THE LUCKY AND THE UNLUCKY...
...THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.
IT IS CALLED "THE CRIMSON RING"...
...AND IT IS AN UNDERGROUND NETWORK FEATURING GLADIATORIAL COMBAT...
...TO THE DEATH.
WE GLADIATORS KNOW DEATH STALKS US. THE DANGER IS WHAT MAKES LIFE SWEET...AND PROFITABLE.
WHEN I RETIRED FROM ACTIVE FIGHTING, I USED MY SAVINGS TO BUY AND TRAIN BLOODEYE REDFIST...
...WHOSE BODY LIES ON THE PYRE BEFORE YOU.
AT MY FIRST SIGHT OF HIM, I KNEW HE COULD BECOME A CHAMPION...
It's true. Rehgar saw himself in Bloodeye, Valeera.
Rehgar was some kind of big deal gladiator?
You are new at this, aren't you? He's famous among the Crimson Ring...

PROLOGUE

"Like all orcs of his age, Rehgar was born on *Draenor.*
"His clan was at war with a band of *ogres.* Long before the normal age for an orc's first rite of passage, he made his first *kill.*"
ORC KID *FIERCE.* *SMASH* HIM?
NO. *BRING* HIM.
WE TRAIN *OGRE YOUNG* AGAINST HIM...WHILE HE LAST.
The ogres didn't know what they were getting.
By pitting Rehgar against larger, stronger foes, they trained him as well.
"Soon, the ogres were wild to be rid of him..."
I'LL *TAKE* THAT KNIFE, OGRE, AND SLIT YOUR THROAT!
REHGAR TOO *DANGEROUS.* WE SELL HIM TO *ORC ARENAS.* HIS *BLOOD PRICE* PAY FOR OUR LOSSES.
"*Fighting* was all Rehgar had ever known. Young as he was, he was a superb *warrior.*

"And so he was chosen to go through the *Dark Portal* as part of the orc force that invaded Azeroth.
"Rehgar fought *the Alliance* of humans, elves and dwarves...
"...but in the end he was captured and sent to an internment camp.
Around that time, *Bloodeye* was born into the Blackrock clan of the famous warchief *Orgrim Doomhammer.*
Like Rehgar, *Bloodeye's* childhood was steeped in *war.* He lost an *eye* in battle when he was barely seven.
And Rehgar spent those years in the *camps?*
"Hardly. Oh, they *tried* to subjugate him, but Rehgar was *untamable.*
"In the end, guards sold him as a *gladiator* to fight for the amusement of the human Lord Agrovane.
"When the Alliance *destroyed* the *Dark Portal,* the orc invaders were *stuck* on Azeroth. And *we* were stuck with *them.*
"Eventually, Rehgar escaped and returned to the only life he knew, *fighting* in underground contests.
"He struggled to temper his rage--a lesson he has been hard pressed to teach me.
"He gained *fame* and hidden *riches,* became a gladiator master...

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"Ogres had taken over a pocket of the ruined Highborne city of Eldre'thalas, which began to be called Dire Maul.
"There, they created the ultimate gladiatorial arena.
"Last year, Bloodeye beat all comers in single combat. Rehgar and Bloodeye grew rich.
"Bloodeye bought his freedom, but he wasn't yet ready to retire.
"So he and Rehgar pooled their funds to buy and train us to join Bloodeye in team combat. But the day after Rehgar purchased you—"
THE KILLING LIFE OF A GLADIATOR IS DIFFICULT. A GREAT CHAMPION ACQUIRES GREAT ENEMIES. AND BLOODEYE HAD MANY.
DRINK, GREAT BLOODEYE...
"SURROUNDED, AT LAST, THROUGH TREACHERY AND DECEIT...
"...THEY SLEW HIM..."
AKKKK!
...AND DIE! YOU KILLED MY MATE! NOW I'VE AVENGED HIM! MAY YOUR SPIRIT BURN FOR ALL ETERNITY!
"...BUT HE DID NOT DIE ALONE.
"WITH HIS LAST BREATH, HE KILLED HIS FINAL FOE.

TODAY, WE SEND HIM TO JOIN THE SPIRITS OF THE ELEMENTS...
...WIND, WATER, EARTH, FIRE AND THE WILD.
UMPPHH
I'LL GIVE YOU FIFTY SILVER TO ONE AGAINST THOSE TWO ELVES AND WHOEVER ELSE REHGAR MANAGES TO FIELD BY THE TIME THE DIRE MAUL GAMES BEGIN.
NO ONE'S DUMB ENOUGH TO TAKE THAT BET. BLOODEYE WAS A GREAT GLADIATOR. REHGAR MIGHT AS WELL PACK IT IN. HE'S DEAD MEAT.
WHAT NOW, REHGAR?
NOW? NOW BROLL, YOU AND VALEERA WILL FIGHT IN DIRE MAUL IN ONE MONTH'S TIME...YOU TWO AND WHOEVER ELSE I CAN BUY ON SHORT NOTICE.
ONE THING'S SURE--I'LL NEVER FIELD ANOTHER WARRIOR LIKE BLOODEYE.
"BASICALLY, WE'RE DEAD MEAT.
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